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I am concerned that the proposed settlement is not strong enough to discourage Microsoft's anticompetitive practices, in particular the threat to open source software. I have been earning my livelihood as a Perl programmer for several years. I used Microsoft's BASIC and QuickBASIC in the early 1990's because it was cross-platform, but lost clients and income when Microsoft discontinued support for the Macintosh version.

Businesses and "just plain folks" are afraid to use anything other than Microsoft products because of the perception that Microsoft is a monopoly, nothing can change that status, and they will be hurt if they don't plan along. This is despite higher support costs for Microsoft products. None of this is good for business in general let alone the software or operating system industries.

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